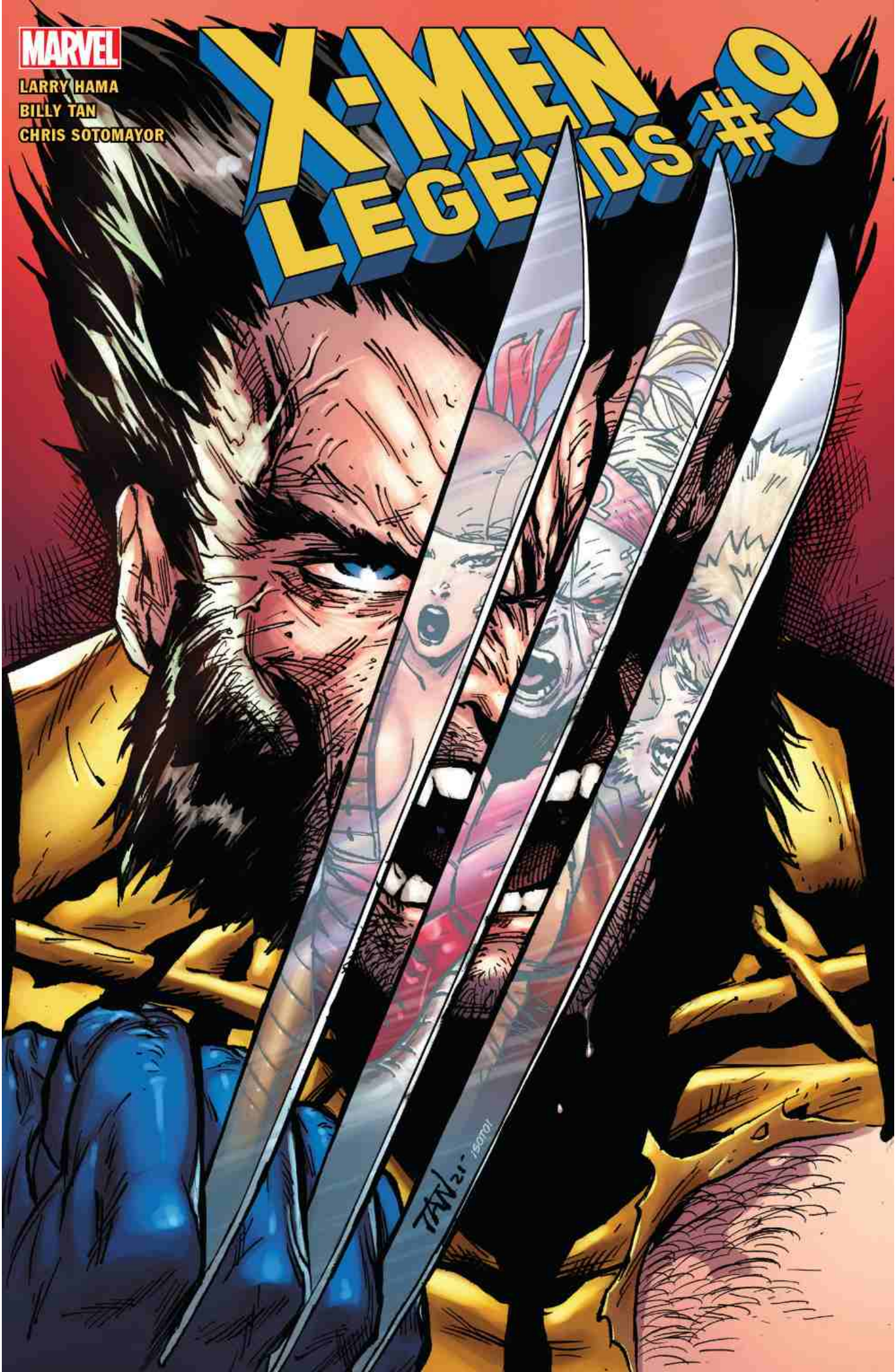
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OMEGA RED

BIRDY

HINO-CHAN

YUREI

JIE JIE

YURIKO OYAMA
LADY DEATHSTRIKE

Wolverine and **Jubilee** traveled to Osaka, Japan, to track down missing mutant sisters **Yurei** and **Hino-Chan**. The mysterious **Jie Jie** and her faction of the **Hand**, including **Lady Deathstrike**, had Hino-Chan in their clutches, ready to make connection with a buyer for the mutant girl. Wolverine and Jubilee, teaming up with Wolverine's old contact **Yukio**, intercepted the deal, and battle broke out.

Resorting to plan B, Jie Jie and company, with a captured Jubilee in tow, made for a boat to Shanghai, China, to meet with an alternative buyer. Just as Yukio was taken out, Yurei appeared and used her time and space displacement powers to bring her and Wolverine to the Shanghai docks to block the exchange.

Fighting triad members left and right, Wolverine and Yurei held the enemy forces at bay, while Jubilee made her escape. Unfortunately, not before the emissary of the new buyer could make the scene: the deadly **Omega Red!**

As full-scale battle erupted on the shores of Shanghai, it looked like Omega Red would emerge victorious—until the sudden appearance and stun blast from **Birdy** turned the tide. And if Birdy was there, you can bet her associate wasn't far behind: Wolverine's archenemy **Sabretooth!**

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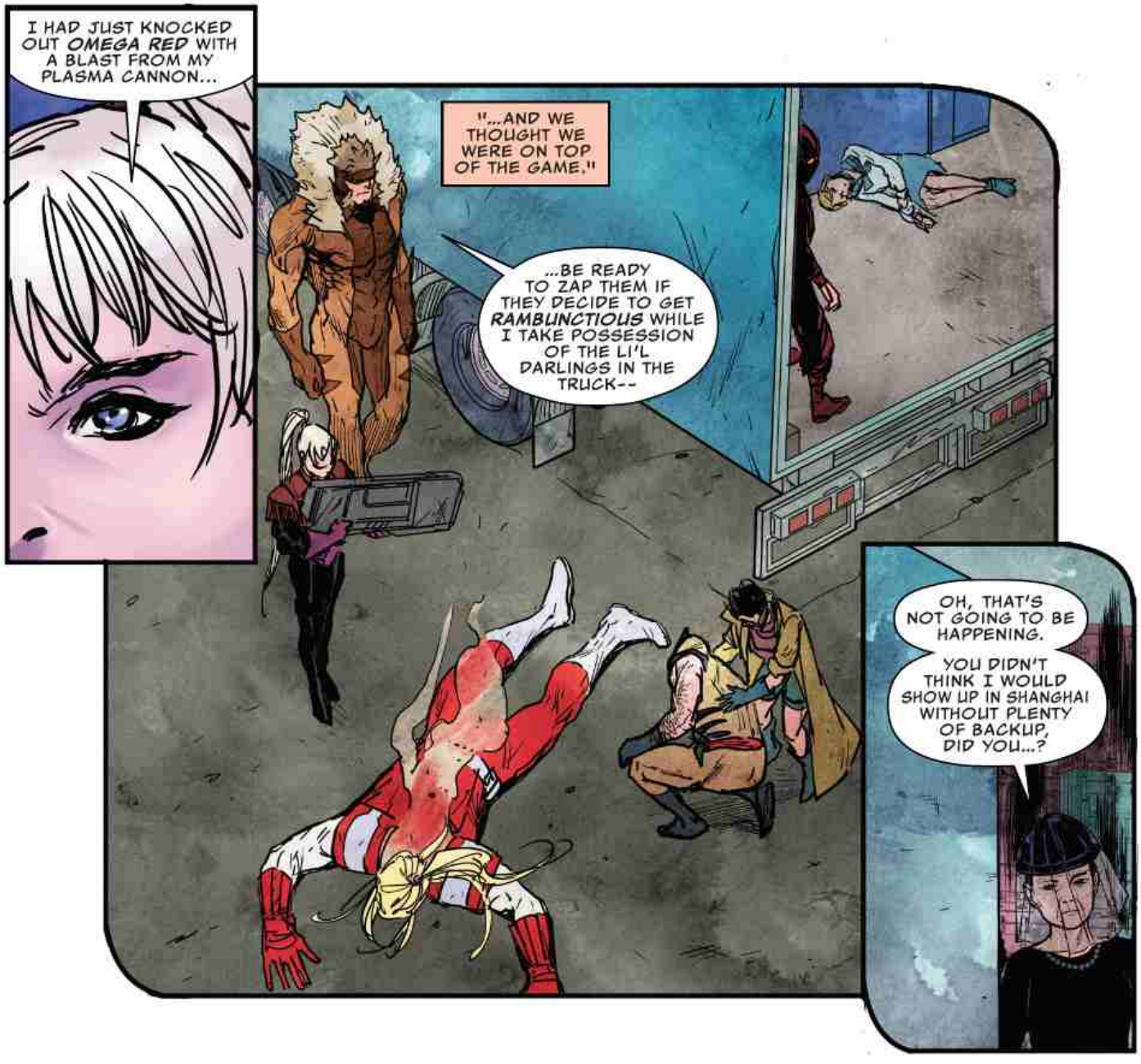
OVER THE EAST CHINA SEA.
BIRDY-- THEY'RE BOTH WAKING UP--
I'VE GOT MY HANDS FULL, JUBILEE. YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH THEM.
WHAT AM I DOING IN HERE? WHY IS THIS HAIRY RUNT NOT DEAD--?!
GET OUTTA THE WAY, DARLIN'--I NEED TO CORRECT SABRETOOTH'S ATTITUDE--
BOTH OF YOU NEED TO CHILL OUT AND BEHAVE!

WE GOT BUSHWHACKED BACK AT THE SHANGHAI DOCKS.
WHO--?
HOW--?


I HAD JUST KNOCKED OUT *OMEGA RED* WITH A BLAST FROM MY PLASMA CANNON...
"...AND WE THOUGHT WE WERE ON TOP OF THE GAME."
...BE READY TO ZAP THEM IF THEY DECIDE TO GET *RAMBUNCTIOUS* WHILE I TAKE POSSESSION OF THE LI'L DARLINGS IN THE TRUCK--
OH, THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE HAPPENING.
YOU DIDN'T THINK I WOULD SHOW UP IN SHANGHAI WITHOUT PLENTY OF BACKUP, DID YOU...?

...AND I HAD THEM COME EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH POWERFUL MUTANTS.
BRING 'EM ON, LITTLE LADY--
YOU SURE YOU BOYS WANT TO DO THIS? IT'S GONNA HURT...
BZAAPP BZAAPP
FA-SHOOM! FA-SHOOM!
I'M GOING TO FINISH OFF WOLVERINE WHILE HE'S DOWN--
NO TIME FOR THAT, LADY DEATHSTRIKE!
NINJAS! SMOKE GRENADES!

WHOOMP
WHOOMP
WHOOMP

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? BLOW THEM AWAY BEFORE THEY GET AWAY!
MY CHARGE IS TOO LOW. IT TAKES OVER FIVE MINUTES TO CYCLE UP.
AND WE CAN'T RISK HITTING THE KIDS!

JIE JIE-- THE BUYER IS NO LONGER IN ANY CONDITION TO CONCLUDE THE TRANSACTION!
THE CONTINGENCY WAS FORESEEN. WE HAVE AN ALTERNATE BUYER READY TO TAKE DELIVERY IN BUSAN...

...AND I ARRANGED FOR A FERRY TO TAKE US THERE.

THEY'RE LEAVING!
DID YOU HEAR THE OLD BAT? SHE SAID THEY WERE GOING TO BUSAN!

WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'M GIVING THEM BOTH THE GLOW.*
IF IT WORKS ON SABRETOOTH...
*THAT'S BIRDY'S CALMING TELEPATHY, DON'TCHA KNOW! --MEDITATIVE MARK

...IT WILL PROBABLY WORK ON WOLVERINE.

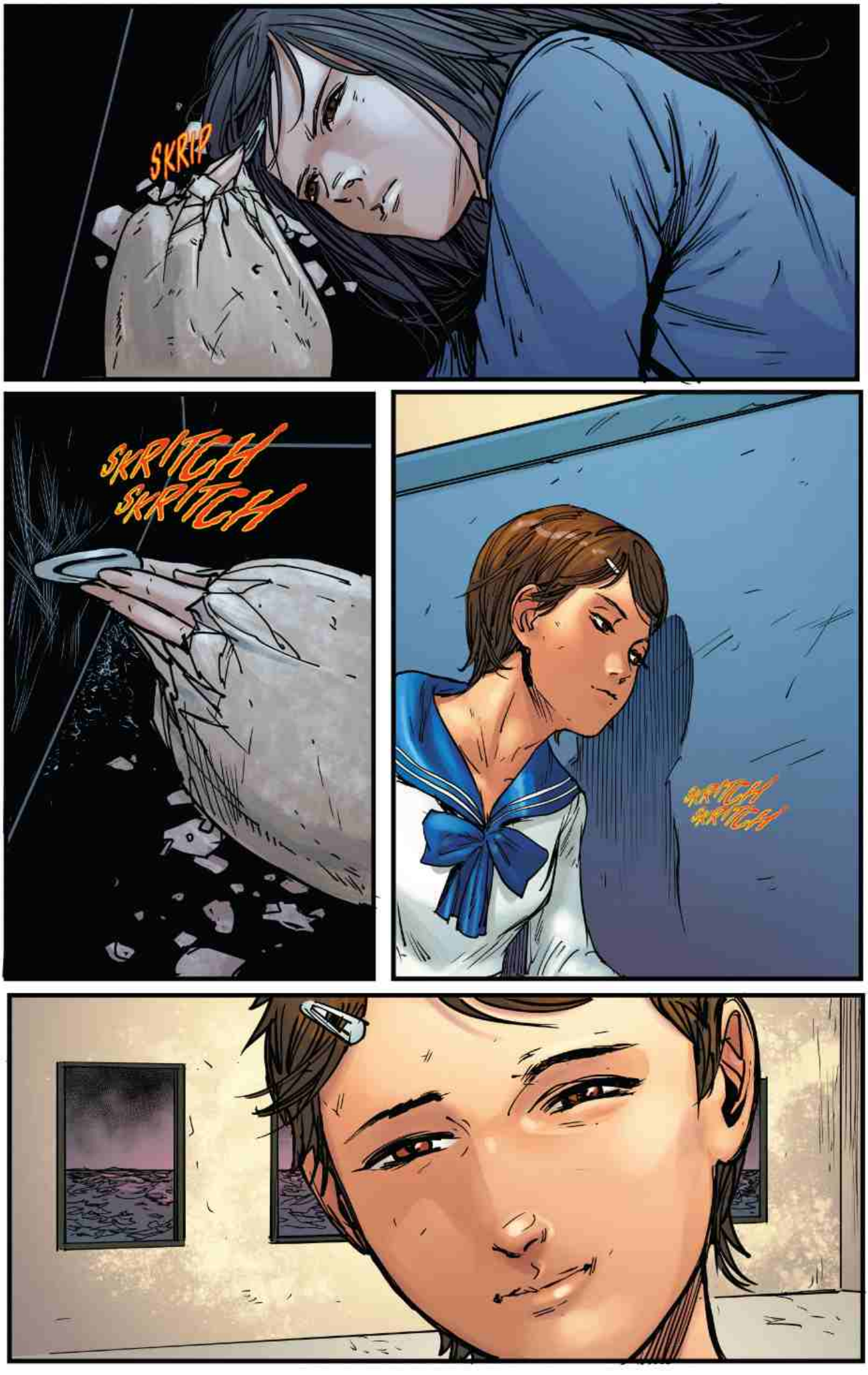
LISTEN. WE ALL HAVE OUR OWN PRIORITIES, BUT THE ONE THING WE CAN AGREE ON IS KEEPING THOSE KIDS AWAY FROM THE RUSSIANS AND THE HAND.
SO, HOW ABOUT IT? TEMPORARY TRUCE AND JOINING OF FORCES?

AND YOU, YOUNG LADY, ARE GOING TO SIT STILL AND MIND YOUR MANNERS...

...LET ME REMIND YOU THAT IF YOU TELEPORT OUT OF HERE, OR OTHERWISE MISBEHAVE, THE REPERCUSSIONS WILL BE EXCRUCIATING FOR YOUR SISTER *HINO-CHAN.*

AM I MAKING MYSELF PERFECTLY CLEAR?

I DON'T LIKE THIS. THAT'S ALL YOU'RE DOING TO RESTRAIN THE TELEPORTER? AND HOW SECURE IS THIS BOX? IF THE LITTLE FIRE-DEMON GETS LOOSE--
YUREI KNOWS MY THREATS ARE NOT TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY. AND THE SILVER LINING OF THE BOX NEGATES HINO-CHAN'S PYROTECHNIC POWERS, AS WELL AS YUREI'S TELEPORTATION ABILITY.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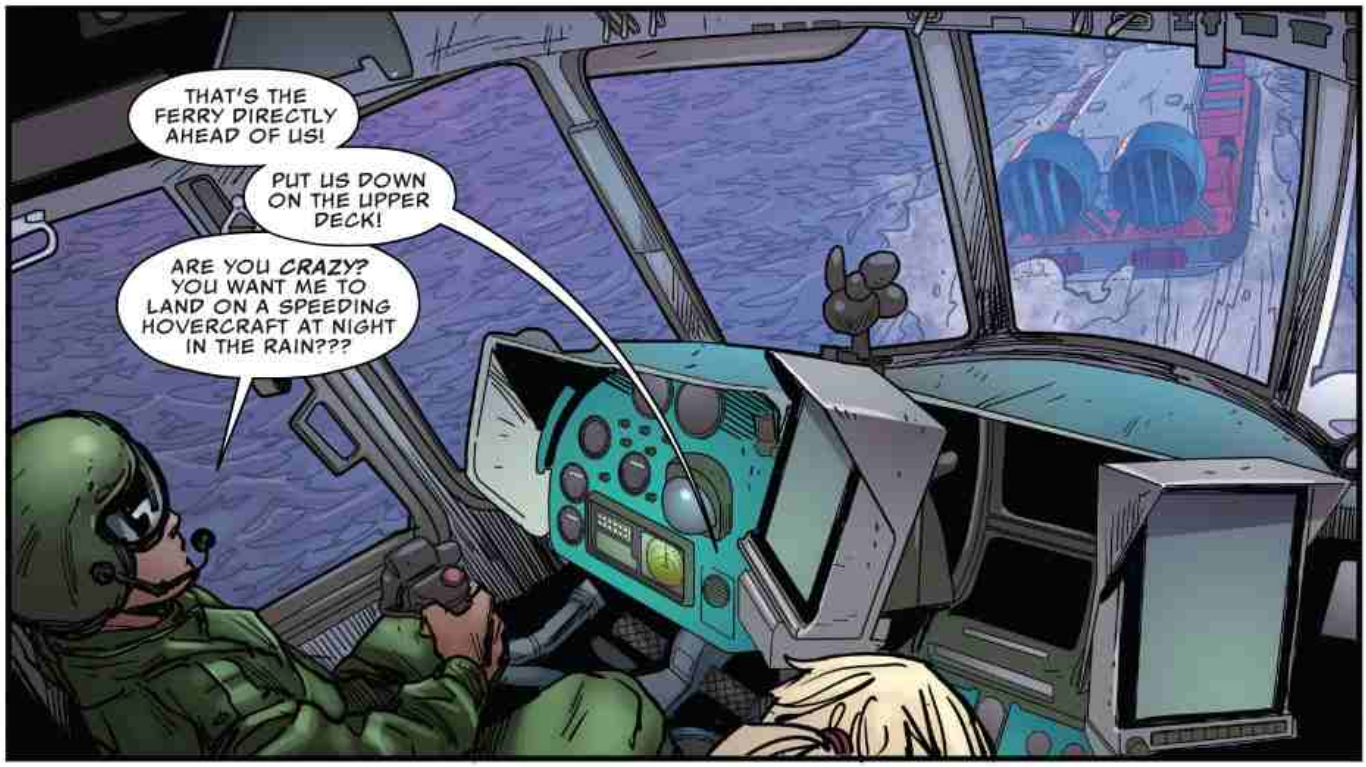
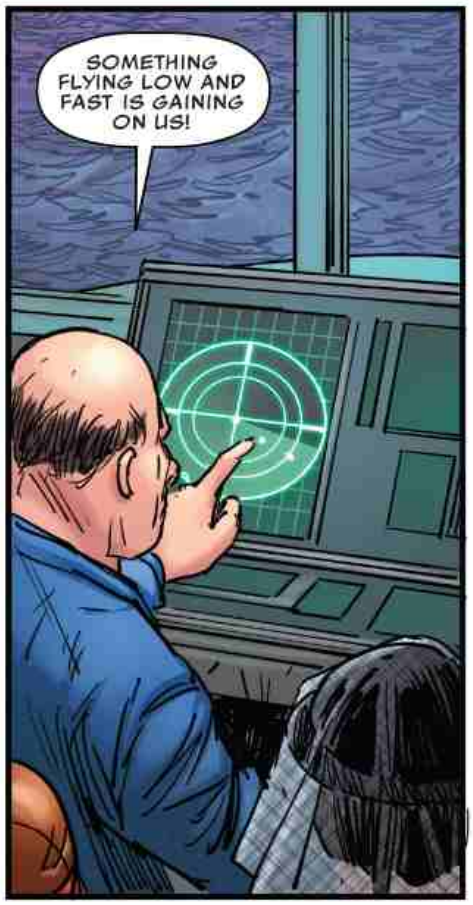
...SO, THE OLD HAND LADY HAS ANOTHER BUYER FOR YUREI AND HINO-CHAN IN KOREA. WHO CAN THAT BE...?
NEW BLIP ON THE THREAT RADAR-- SOMETHING'S COMING UP BEHIND US, FAST!
THAT'S A RUSSIAN MI-17...
"...OMEGA RED HAD HIS OWN AIR TRANSPORT STANDING BY!"
TENTACLE BOY AIN'T TOO HAPPY ABOUT THE HAND RENEGING ON THEIR DEAL!
I'VE GOT MORE THAN A FEW SCORES TO SETTLE WITH ARKADY GRIGORIEVICH...

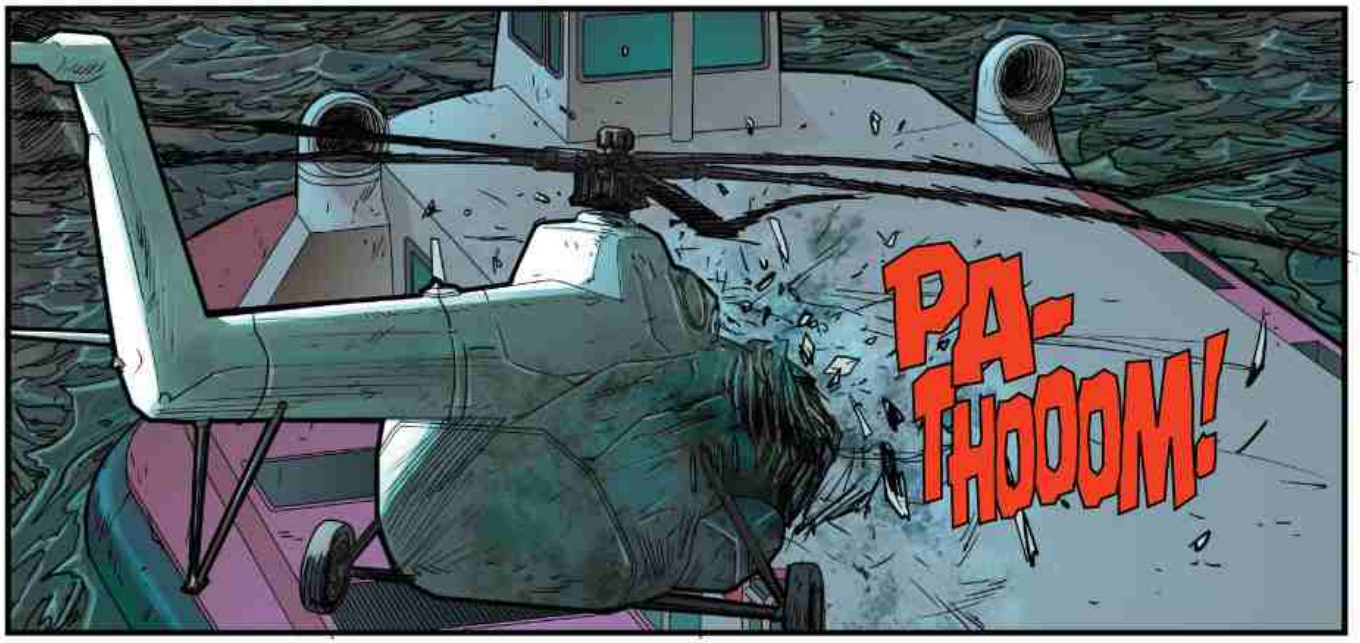

THAT'S THE FERRY DIRECTLY AHEAD OF US!
PUT US DOWN ON THE UPPER DECK!
ARE YOU *CRAZY*? YOU WANT ME TO LAND ON A SPEEDING HOVERCRAFT AT NIGHT IN THE RAIN???

HERE, LET ME GIVE YOU SOME POSITIVE ENCOURAGEMENT.
GAAK--!


SOMETHING FLYING LOW AND FAST IS GAINING ON US!

RUSSIAN HELICOPTER! OUR FORMER BUYER IS NOT GIVING UP EASILY!
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO LAND ON US WHILE WE'RE CRUISING AT TOP SPEED! THEY'LL HAVE TO FOLLOW US TO BUSAN--

WE'RE GOING IN TOO FAST! THIS IS AN IMPOSSIBLE LANDING--
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT *LANDING*?


PA-THOOOM!

I'VE COME TO COLLECT MY PACKAGES!

YOUR TRANSACTION WAS CANCELED!

WE SHALL SEE WHO GETS CANCELED!

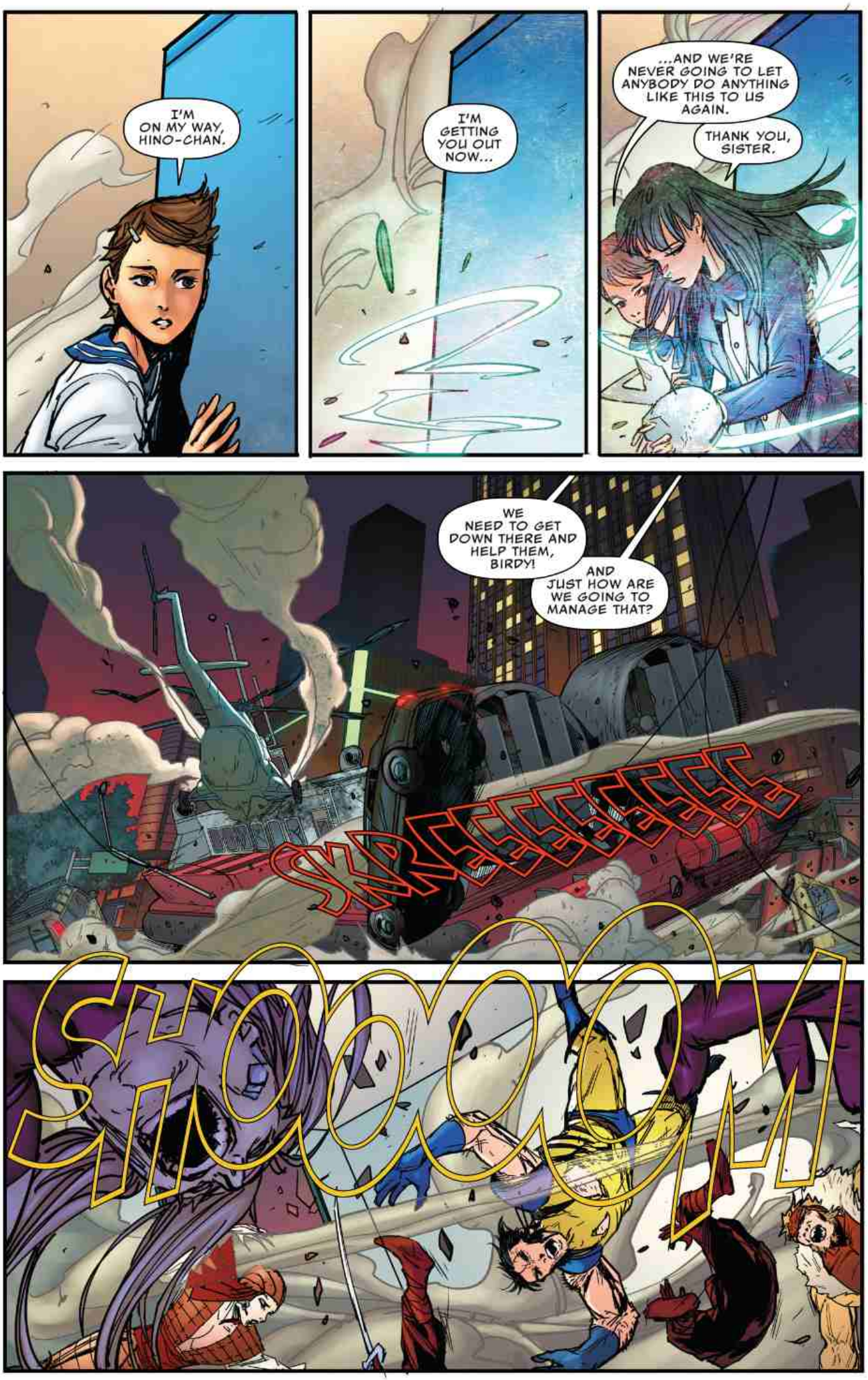
C'MON, BIRDY--SQUEEZE SOME MORE SPEED OUT OF THIS CRATE! IT'S GOT *FIVE* ROLLS ROYCE JET ENGINES, FER MERCY'S SAKE!
WE CAN'T LET OMEGA RED GET THOSE KIDS!
FOUR ENGINES FOR *VERTICAL* LIFT AND *ONE* ENGINE FOR THRUST! TOP SPEED IS 247 MPH, AND THAT MI-17 CAN DO 300 WITHOUT BREAKING A SWEAT...!
THAT FERRY IS DOING OVER FIFTY KNOTS, AND IT'S ON FIRE! NO WAY AM I GOING TO TRY LANDING ON IT!
SKRNK
I DON'T NEED YOU TO LAND! JUST GET ME AS CLOSE AS YOU CAN!
I'M COMING WITH YOU, BUB.
I'M STAYING RIGHT HERE!

MERE NINJAS ARE NO MATCH FOR A SUPER-SOLDIER!
FTOOM
THRAMM
KILL THE RUSSIAN, AND YOUR LAPSES AT OSAKA AND SHANGHAI WILL BE FORGIVEN!
IT SEEMS YOU ARE MY ADMISSION PRICE BACK INTO THE GOOD GRACES OF THE HAND.
NYET, GLUPAYA DEVCHONKA-- I AM YOUR DEATH.
IS THAT YOU SCRATCHING AWAY THE SILVER?
SKRITCH SKRITCH
SKRITCH SKRITCH

JUST DON'T GET IN MY WAY WHEN I'M THROWING DOWN, RUNT!
I'M INCLINED TO SIT BACK AND LET YOU AND OMEGA RED DECONSTRUCT EACH OTHER!
SMIERT BABA YAGA!
MORE LIKE SMIERT ROOSKIE!
THWAMM
SLASH
HOW D'YA LIKE THESE APPLES, ARKADY?

KHOROSHO!
PA-THAMM
THAT'S FOR CALLING ME AN OLD WITCH!
ZZRRRSH
I WILL MAKE FARSH* OUT OF ALL THREE OF YOU!
*MINCED MEAT.
HINO-CHAN-- KNOCK TWICE IF YOU'VE SCRAPED AWAY ENOUGH SILVER--
KNOCK KNOCK

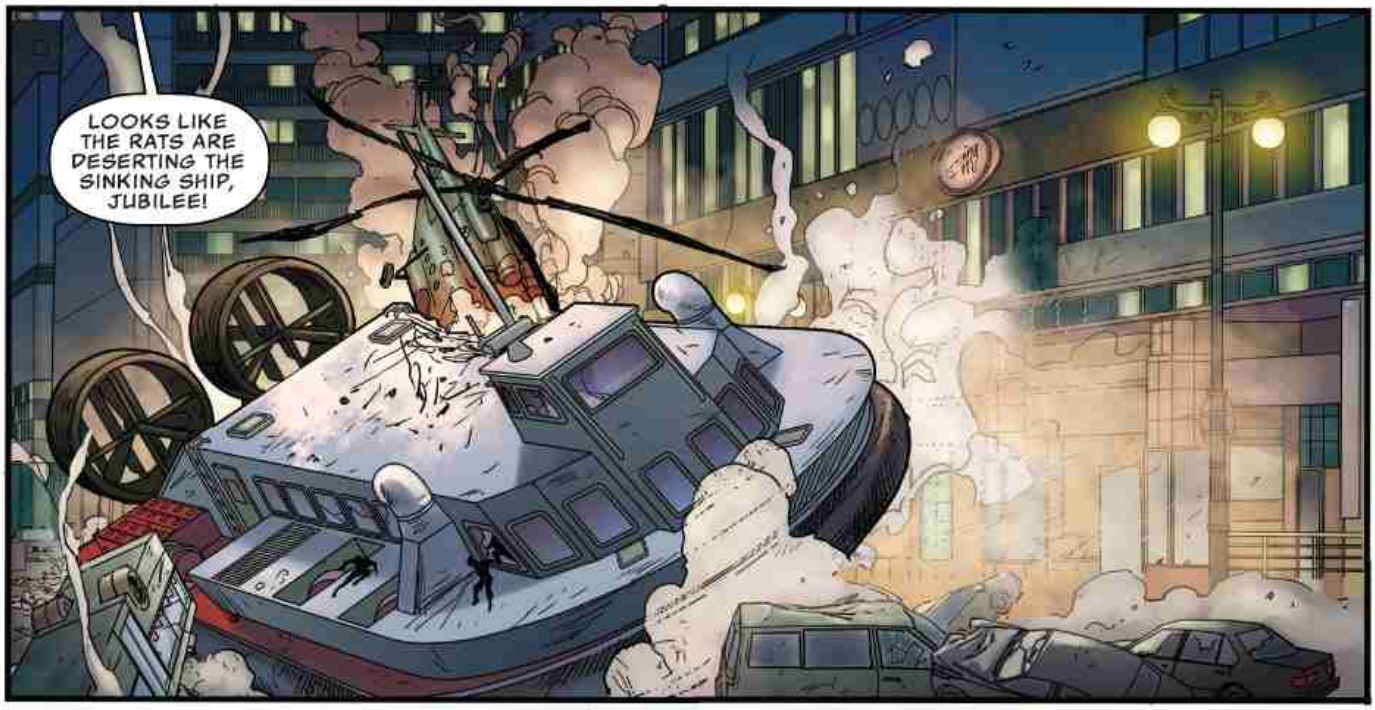
I CAN'T TELL WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE!
THE FERRY IS ABOUT TO MAKE LANDFALL IN BUSAN!
DON'T STOP HERE! GO ALL THE WAY TO GIMHAE AIRPORT...
I CAN'T TAKE THIS FERRY THROUGH CITY TRAFFIC!
YOU CAN AND YOU WILL! OUR NEW BUYER IS WAITING AT THE FREIGHT TERMINAL FOR OUR MERCHANDISE!
ZASSSH
SCHRREKK
THWAMM
SCHRRIIPP


I'M ON MY WAY, HINO-CHAN.
I'M GETTING YOU OUT NOW...
...AND WE'RE NEVER GOING TO LET ANYBODY DO ANYTHING LIKE THIS TO US AGAIN.
THANK YOU, SISTER.
WE NEED TO GET DOWN THERE AND HELP THEM, BIRDY!
AND JUST HOW ARE WE GOING TO MANAGE THAT?
SKREEEEEE
SHOOOM

YURE! GOT HER SISTER OUT OF THE BOX!
IF THE PYRO-TALENT GETS HER HANDS UNCOVERED, WE ARE IN A WORLD OF HURT!
NOW, LET'S SHOW THEM WHAT WE CAN DO!
SCHRR!
I'M COLLECTING MY PROPERTY, AND THE REST OF YOU HAD BETTER NOT TRY TO STOP ME.
THEY'RE NOT YOUR PROPERTY YET! THEY STILL BELONG TO THE *HAND*--
WE DON'T *BELONG* TO *ANYBODY*...
...AND WE DON'T INTEND TO KEEP *RUNNING* FROM CREEPS LIKE YOU FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES.

YOU DEAL WITH THE CLAW-LADY, HINO-CHAN!
FOOOOOSH
JIE JIE! OPEN THE DOOR TO THE BRIDGE!
COOL YOUR HEELS, RUNT! LET HER WHITTLE DOWN THE OPPOSITION FIRST!
WELCOME TO THE HINDU KUSH. THIS VILLAGE WAS THE SCENE OF AN ATROCITY BY THE SPETSNAZ...
WHY DON'T YOU EXPLAIN TO THEM IN RUSSIAN HOW YOU HAVE NO CONNECTION WITH THE PERPETRATORS...?

WHY DID YOU LEAD HER UP HERE?
WHERE ELSE WAS I GOING TO GO? JUST HELP ME HOLD THE DOOR SHUT!


LOOKS LIKE THE RATS ARE DESERTING THE SINKING SHIP, JUBILEE!

IT'S OKAY, HINO-CHAN. I DON'T THINK WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THESE OTHER TWO.

I KNOW THAT ONE OF YOU MEANS US NO GOOD, AND THE OTHER ONE WANTS TO HELP US, BUT WE JUST WANT TO BE LEFT ALONE.
SO, I'M TAKING MY SISTER FAR AWAY, TO A PLACE NONE OF YOU CAN REACH US...

...IN THE FUTURE.

LATER.
THAT WAS A TOTAL BUSINESS LOSS, BIRDY. COULD HAVE TURNED A NICE PROFIT ON THOSE TWO.
I'M GLAD YOU DIDN'T.
SHUT UP AND DRIVE.
HATE LETTING CREED GO LIKE THAT, BUT WE'LL MEET AGAIN WHEN I'VE GOT SOME FIGHT IN ME. SOONER'N I'D LIKE, I'LL BET.
TAXI!
IF WE CATCH THE NEXT FLIGHT TO THE STATES FROM GIMHAE, WE CAN BE BACK IN WESTCHESTER TOMORROW NIGHT.
WHAT ABOUT DEATHSTRIKE AND JIE JIE?
THE HAND DOESN'T FORGIVE FAILURE, DARLIN'. THEY'RE LOOKIN' AT WORSE THAN I'M PREPARED TO DISH OUT RIGHT NOW.
THEY'RE ALL GONE.
I THINK THOSE TWO MUTANT KIDS ARE GONE FOR GOOD.
I AGREE. WE SHOULD HAVE CUT OUR LOSSES IN SHANGHAI.
NNGH! I THINK I MAY HAVE TO START USING A CANE...
I STILL HAVE ISSUES TO SETTLE WITH LOGAN, BUT RIGHT NOW, I JUST WANT TO GET HOME, SOAK IN A HOT TUB, AND GET ME SOME OF YOUR GLOW, BIRDY.
WHAT WILL YOU EVER DO WITHOUT ME?
...SO, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO TELL PROFESSOR XAVIER?
WE TELL HIM THE KIDS ARE SAFE FOR NOW, AND THERE'S ALWAYS TOMORROW.

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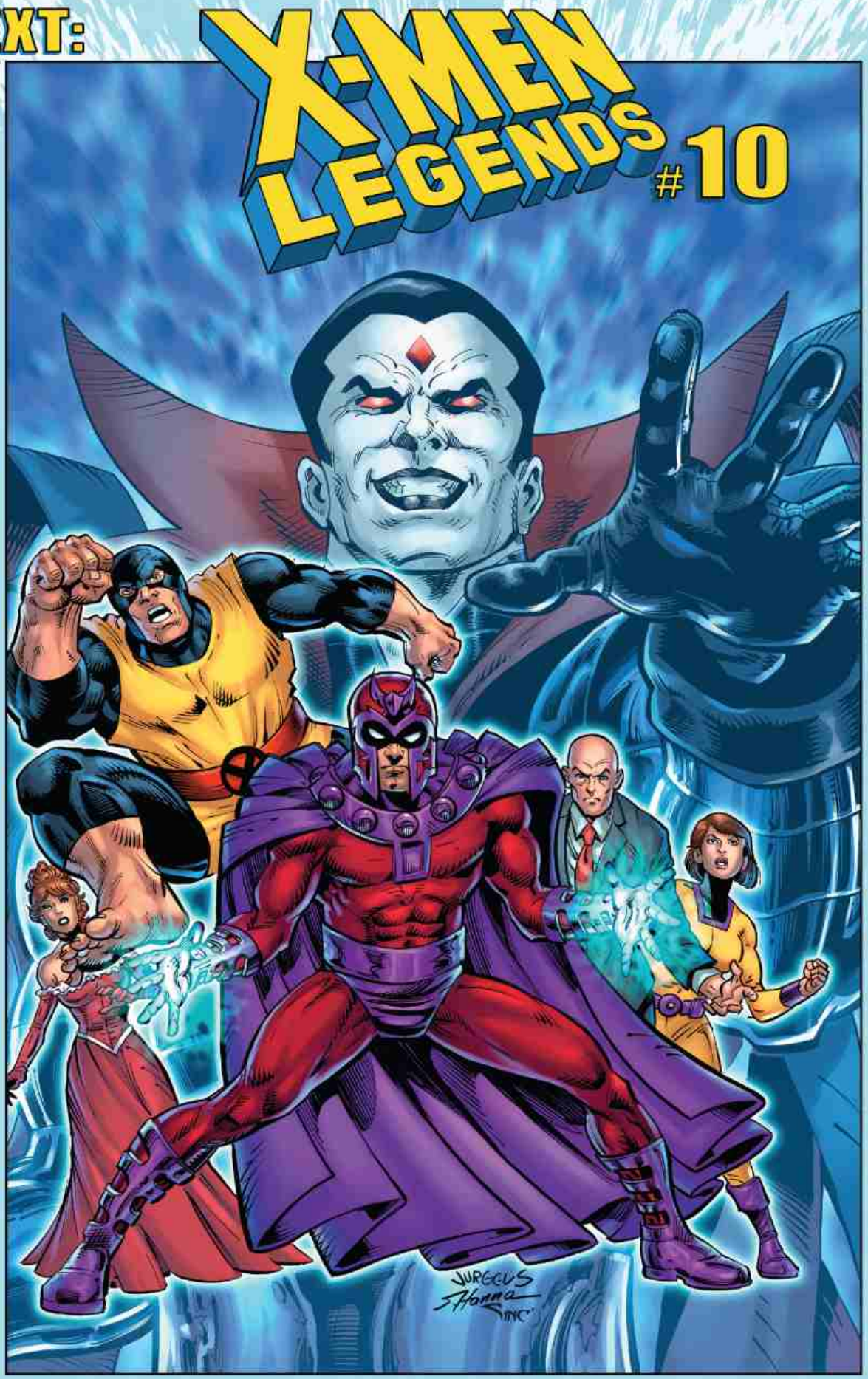

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